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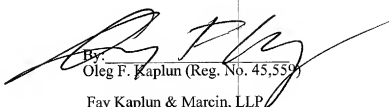
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 25, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed on May 13, 2008 in the above-identified application, Applicant is filing for a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) of the application under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and respectfully request that the amendments included in the Amendment under Rule 116 filed on May 2, 2008 be entered and considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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